

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after the Title and before the first line of the paragraph ending on line 2 of page 1.

This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application 09/314,844, filed May 19, 1999, which is a divisional of U.S. Application of U.S. Application 08/959,382, filed October 28, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,013,476, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/041,796, filed April 2, 1997.

Please add the following new paragraph before the first sentence of the Description of the Invention starting at page 3, line 10.

The entire disclosures of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/314,844, filed May 19, 1999, U.S. Patent Application No. 08/959,382, filed October 28, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,013,476, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/041,796, filed April 2, 1997 is expressly incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace Table 2, beginning at page 12, line 1, with the following rewritten Table 2:

**Table 2<sup>b</sup>**

1	MGTSPSSSTA	LASCSRIARR	ATA[ [R] ]	TMIAGSL	LLLGFLSTTT	AQPEQKASNL
51	IGTYRHVDRA	TGQVLTCDKC	PAGTYVSEHC	TNTSLRVCSS	CPVGTFTTRHE	
101	NGIEKCHDCS	QPCPWPMIEK	LPCAALTDRE	CTCPPGMFQS	NATCAPHTVC	
151	PVGWGVRRKKG	TETEDVRCKQ	CARGTFSDVP	SSVMKCKAYT	DCLSQNLVVI	
201	KPGTKETDNV	CGTLPSFSSS	TSPSPGTAIF	PRPEHMETHE	VPSSTYVPKG	
251	MNSTESNSSA	SVRPKVLSSI	QEGTVPDNTS	SARGKEDVNK	TLPNLQVVNH	
301	QQGPHRRHIL	KLLPSMEATG	GEKSSTPIKG	PKRGHPRQNL	HKHFDINEHL	
351	PWMIVLFLLL	VLVVIVVCSI	RKSSRTLKKG	PRQDPSAIVE	KAGLKKSMTP	
401	TQNREKWIYY	CNGHGIDILK	LVAAQVGSQW	KDIYQFLCNA	SEREVAAFSN	
451	GYTADHERAY	AALQHWITRG	PEASLAQLIS	ALRQHRRNDV	VEKIRGLMED	
501	TTQLETDKLA	LPMSPSPLSP	SPIPSNPAKL	ENSALLTVEP	SPQDKNKGFF	

551	VDESEPLLRC DSTSSGSSAL SRNGSFITKE KKDTVLRQVR LDPCDLQPIF
601	DDMLHFLNPE ELRVIEEIPQ AEDKLDRLF E IIGVKSQEAS QTL LDSVYSH
651	LPDLL*

Please add the following new table and paragraph after the paragraph ending on line 3 of page 25.

**Table 3.** Nucleotide and Amino Acid sequence of a TR7 fragment (SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 6, respectively.)

1	GCGNCCGCGNNGNGNGCAAGGTGCTGAGCGCCCCTAGNGCCTCCCTTGCCGCTCCCTCC	60
61	TCTGCCCCGCCGTAGCAGTGACATGGGGTGTGGAGGTAGATGGGCTCCCGGCCGGGAG	120
121	GCGGCGGTGGATGCGGCGCTGGGCAGAAAGCAGCCGCCGATTCCAGCTGCCCCGCGCGCCC	180
181	CGGCCACCTTGCGAGTCCCCGGTTCAGCCATGGGGACCTCTCCGAGCAGCAGCACCGCCC	240
241	TCGGCCTCCTGCAACCGCATCGCCCGCCGAGCCACAGCCACGATGATCGCGGGCTCCCTT	300
	MetIleAlaGlySerLeu	6
301	CTCCTGCTTGGATTCTTAGCACCAACACAGCTCAGCCAGAACAGAAGGCCTCGAATCTC	360
7	LeuLeuLeuGlyPheLeuSerThrThrThrAlaGlnProGluGlnLysAlaSerAsnLeu	26
361	ATTGGCACATAACGCCATGTTGACCGTGCCACCGGCCAGGTGCTAACCTGTGACAAGTGT	420
27	IleGlyThrTyrArgHisValAspArgAlaThrGlyGlnValLeuThrCysAspLysCys	46
421	CCAGCAGGAACCTATGTCTCTGAGCATTGTACCAACACAAGCCTGCGCGTCTGTCTCAGCAG	480
47	ProAlaGlyThrTyrValSerGluHisCysThrAsnThrSerLeuArgValCysGlnGln	66
481	TGCCCTGTGGGGACCTTTACCAGGCATGAGAATGGCATAGAGAAATGCCATGACTGTAGT	540
67	CysProValGlyThrPheThrArgHisGluAsnGlyIleGluLysCysHisAspCysSer	86
541	CAGCCATGCCCATGGCCAATGATTGAGAAATTACCTTGTGCCTCTGCC	588
87	GlnProCysProTrpProMetIleGluLysLeuProCysAlaSerAla	102

#### Example 2

An EST (EST#1502886; Project ID: HHFGD57) with sequence similarity to the human TNF receptor was discovered in a commercial EST database. Analysis of the 588 nucleotide sequence of the partial cDNA, indicated that it encoded an open reading frame for a novel member of the TNF receptor superfamily and was named TR7. The predicted partial protein

sequence is 102 amino acids long, with a hydrophobic amino-terminal leader sequence indicating that TR7 is expressed as a secreted or cell surface membrane bound protein. Comparison of the TR7 partial protein sequence with other TNF receptor family proteins indicates that it has at least one of the cysteine-rich repeats characteristic of the extracellular domains of this family.

Please delete the sequence information set forth on pages 26-30 of the specification and replace with the enclosed sequence listing.